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Ms. Moran,

Thank you for confirming that. I attach here the corrected metes and bounds for the description as currently recorded in the existing IC/ Deed Restriction for the Arkwood site plus my working document that tracks my changes before I integrated them. I triple-checked these corrections as I made them against the description on the survey map, also attached.

These are presumably the corrections needed and referred to in the "Actions Needed" and "Deficiencies" section of the Third Five-Year Review. My father Bud Grisham, executor for the estate of Mary Grisham, which estate owns Arkwood, will record these corrections whenever you send them back with your authorization to do so.

[N.B. The "Actions Needed" section of the Third Five-Year Review states that the Deed Restriction needs "to add the notice that the site is zoned for industrial use only within 12 months of this review." The "Deficiencies" section of the Third Five-Year Review states: "In addition, a notice that the site is zoned for industrial use only must be added to the Deed Restriction." As I pointed out to Mr. Ghose before finalization of the Third Five-Year Review, there is no zoning at the Arkwood site, which lies outside of the municipality of Omaha, Arkansas.]

My concerns below had more to do with the predictable questions and concerns that a Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser (BFPP) will have when considering the purchase of Arkwood for industrial use, such as:

- What will be the nature of the BFPP's relationship with McKesson Corporation, which the BFPP would be taking on with the property purchase?
- If the BFPP follows through on the purchase of Arkwood, what will be the new owner's responsibilities toward McKesson, if any?
- How will the BFPP's proposed project affect McKesson's responsibilities for the site?
- What will be McKesson's reaction to a BFPP with a viable proposal for industrial use of Arkwood?
- How should McKesson's legitimate concerns be addressed in the BFPP's planning phase?
- Will McKesson Corporation be cooperative with a BFPP's effort to create site use project plans?

Basically, this is about trying to put oneself in the position of a BFPP and to anticipate all the questions and concerns the BFPP will have when first being approached with the opportunity.

By anticipating and attempting to answer all those questions and concerns in advance, the owner will have a better chance of securing and maintaining the

interest of a BFPP for the future use of the site.

Thank you,

Curt Grisham

On Nov 18, 2011, at 10:21 AM, [Moran.Gloria-Small@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Moran.Gloria-Small@epamail.epa.gov) wrote:

Mr. Grisham:

Thank you for your email below concerning the Institutional Control that is required for the Arkwood Superfund Site. As the Region indicated during the meeting with you in our Dallas office on November 9, 2011, we will work cooperatively with you, the ADEQ, and with input from McKesson, to revise the current Deed Notice that was filed by the owner PRP (your father) to ensure that it reflects the metes and bounds and the uses that are legally appropriate for the site.

Thank you,

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Dear Ms. Moran,

I write regarding McKesson Corporation attorney Don A. Smith's letter dated October 26, 2011 and certain of its attachments as sent to Region 6 Superfund Chief Carlos A. Sanchez (attached).

I wish to provide you with the "Site Agreement" (attached) referred to as "Exhibit '2'" in the "Settlement Agreement" Mr. Smith attached in his letter to Mr. Sanchez (not to be confused with the hand-numbered "Exhibit" stamps Mr. Smith stuck to some attachments.)

Mr. Smith failed to include the "Site Agreement", which is an integral part of the

"Settlement Agreement."

Mr. Smith also attached to his letter to Mr. Sanchez an altered version of the "Deed Notice" instrument prepared by McKesson Corporation employee Jean Mescher and sent to the Arkwood owner for signature and recording.

The version attached to Mr. Smith's letter omits the words "Signature" and "Jean A. Mescher" under "Prepared by" on page one of six, which words appeared in the version originally presented to the Arkwood owner by Ms. Mescher.

I attach here a scan of the original version of that "Deed Notice" instrument prepared by Jean Mescher and presented to the Arkwood owner, including the March 26, 2010 cover letter in which Ms. Mescher asserts:

***"Pursuant to the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Arkwood Site, the USEPA is requesting that a Deed Notice be completed for the Site. The purpose of the deed notice is to ensure that the site remains protective of human health and the environment. The Deed Notice is enclosed for your completion."***

In my opinion, Ms. Mescher appears to represent by the above statement that her version of the "Deed Notice" was an instrument originating with or approved by "USEPA."

In Ms. Mescher's version of the "Deed Notice" – which notably does not address the exclusion of residential use at Arkwood – there are onerous new requirements placed upon the Arkwood owner which are not, to my understanding, required by either EPA or the Record of Decision.

These new requirements would have made it much more burdensome for the Arkwood owner to continue as owner.

For example, if the Arkwood owner had executed on the Mescher "Deed Notice," the owner (and subsequent owners) presumably would have been bound to the following provisions:

***"...providing routine inspection and maintenance for at least 30 years following the completion of remediation."***

***"...maintain all engineering controls at the Property and certify to the USEPA on an annual basis that the remedial action of which each engineering control is part remains protective of the human health and safety and of the environment."***

***"Implement any actions that are necessary to correct, mitigate, or abate each problem related to the protectiveness of the remedial action for the Site;"***

It is my understanding that these provisions are part of McKesson Corporation's legal duties for "Long-Term Stewardship" as Responsible Party at Arkwood and that these duties cannot legally be shifted to any other entity.

In light of the above, as part of the effort to return Arkwood and adjacent lands to

appropriate productive use, and within the context of CERCLA and the "Brownfield Amendments" as addressed in EPA's "Revitalization Handbook" (May 2008), I request assistance from EPA in clarifying the duties, responsibilities and obligations of:

- 1) the current owner of the Arkwood site;
- 2) current and future Contiguous Property Owners of lands adjacent to the Arkwood site;
- 3) any future owner of the Arkwood site who has come through EPA's revitalization program as a Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser, performed All Appropriate Inquiries and thereby obtained protection from liability under the "Brownfield Amendments"; and
- 4) McKesson Corporation as Responsible Party, with particular regard to "Long-Term Stewardship" as discussed in Part III Section A of the "Revitalization Handbook."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Curt Grisham

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